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LETTER DATED 21 AUGUST 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that on 7 August 1995 a patrol flying the American flag entered Iraqi territorial waters and proceeded to reconnoitre the area located between Mina al-Bakr and Mina al-Amiq and the Shatt al-Arab and Khawr Abdullah.

At 0950 hours on 8 August 1995, the patrol launched a rubber dinghy with three frogmen on board and reconnoitred the area. At the same time, two United States Navy helicopters were sighted.

In addition, at 0900 hours on 9 August, a cruiser bearing the number 060 and flying the British flag arrived in the area located between Mina al-Bakr and Mina al-Amiq, travelling slowly.

These violations of our territorial waters confirm that the Governments of the United States of America and the United Kingdom are continuing to carry out acts of provocation against the Republic of Iraq and persist in encroaching on our sovereignty for the purpose of creating pretexts and justifications to legitimate their aggressive aims.

I request you to intervene, as dictated by your responsibility under the Charter of the United Nations, to prevent the repetition of these unjustified violations so that stability, peace and security may prevail in the region.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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